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In response to the December 19, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified patent application, attached please find:

- Amendment and Response (12 pages); and
- Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at telephone (617) 542-6000.

Applicants believe no fees are due with the present submission, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 14859-022.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~ The ecological importance of clean air is as evident as our need to breathe. Nevertheless, the demands of an industrialized society and the consequent burning of fuel for energy tends to compromise air quality. Existing fuels that are burned in boiler systems to produce steam for heating and power supply include distillate (number 2) fuel oil, residual (number 6) fuel oil, blended distillate and residual fuel oil, and coal. These fuels typically release substantial quantities of harmful pollutants, such as sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. Moreover, each of these fuels is subject to supply shortages as societal energy demands increase. In fact, dwindling mineral oil reserves are a primary factor in the ongoing energy-supply crisis. ~